

REMARKS

Claims 2-3 have been tentatively allowed and Claims 4-5 and 8-12 have been allowed. Claims 6 and 7 are cancelled with Applicants reserving the right to file a divisional application directed to same.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of allowed Claim 2. The dependency of Claim 3 has been changed to depend from Claim 1. Thus, Claim 2 is cancelled herewith. Claims 13-15 have been added. Thus, Claims 1, 3-5 and 8-12 are now in formal condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request consideration of new Claims 13-15.

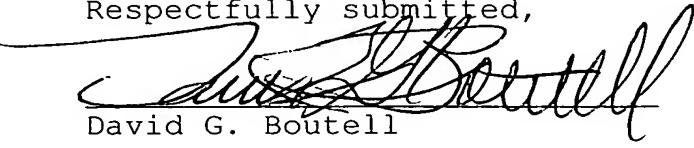
Applicants wish to remind the Examiner of the request dated August 20, 2003, for a deletion of one inventor from this application, namely, inventor Jerry Wheeler (see enclosed Reminder). The Examiner did not confirm the deletion of Jerry Wheeler in the Office Action mailed October 22, 2003. Formal acknowledgement of the amendment to the inventorship is respectfully solicited.

The only claims at issue are new Claims 13-15. New Claim 13 emphasizes the provision of a two part releasable fastener connection interconnecting a first linkage member to each of a pair of reciprocal input mechanisms. The two part releasable fastener connection is configured for a connected condition and an unconnected condition. The structure in Heimbrock U.S. Patent No. 6 421 854 does not include any two part releasable fastener connection which is configured to connect as well as disconnect from a reciprocal input mechanism on each of the two hydraulic jacks. While the Examiner has asserted that each link to a pump connection in Heimbrock is inherently releasable, such as when being disassembled, Applicants respectfully submit that there is no provision of any structure that qualifies as a two part releasable fastener connection configured for a connected condition and an unconnected condition. As a result of this structure on Applicants' arrangement, the first linkage member

can be placed into an assembly without the use of tools, contrary to the teachings in Heimbrock. Accordingly, further and favorable consideration of new Claims 13-15 is respectfully solicited.

Further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

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